GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Financial Assistance for Research on Cotton
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Institute for Cotton Research in Nagpur and All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project in Coimbatore of ICAR are providing financial and technical support and conducting basic strategic applied research through Navsari Agriculture University and Junagarh Agriculture University and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a proposal from Gujarat for establishment of "Centre of Excellence for Cotton" is still pending with the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken by the Government in this regard, so far; and

(d) the time by which and place where this centre has been proposed to be established in Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research in Nagpur and All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project in Coimbatore of ICAR are providing financial and technical support to Navsari Agriculture University and Junagarh Agriculture University for conducting basic, strategic & applied research on cotton. Under different programmes a total of Rs. 667.29 and 316.41 lakhs financial assistance have been given for cotton research under XII five year plan to the Navsari Agriculture University, Navsari and Junagarh Agriculture University, Junagarh, respectively. Besides, plant genetic resources, pre breeding materials and breeding lines are being provided to both centres.

(b) & (c): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has decided to establish 'Centre for Cotton Excellence' in Gujarat for strengthening the cotton cultivation in the State. Accordingly the request for providing the suitable land has been sent to the Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat.

(d) It all depends on the State Government to provide the suitable land for the establishment of the Centre.

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